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# WASP

*Janet Van Dyne became the Wasp to avenge her father's death at the hands of the Creature from Kosmos. So when her adopted daughter and fellow Wasp, Nadia, decided to avenge her lost mother and grandfather, Maria and Janos Trovaya, Jan agreed to help. But before they could begin their investigation, Jan's old enemy Whirlwind attacked them. He claimed his hand was forced by W.H.I.S.P.E.R.--an elusive spy agency that once tried to kidnap Nadia and seems to be weaponizing a compound similar to the acid that killed Jan's father. The Wasps followed the evidence to an abandoned facility in Queens, where the Creature from Kosmos trapped them--and later, Jarvis--in an alternate world where Hank Pym never existed and Nadia's been sent to assassinate Jan for the Red Room!*

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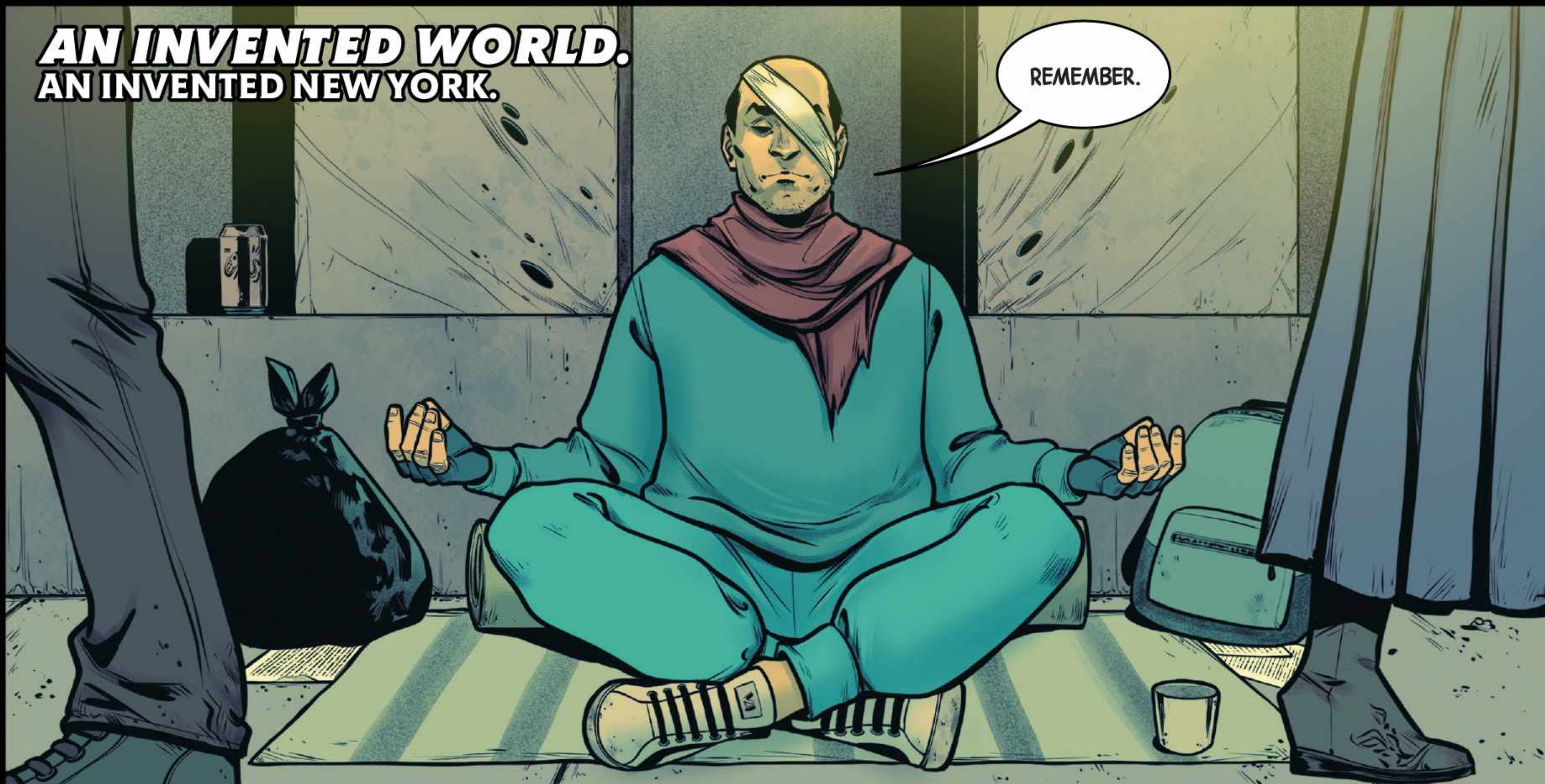
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**AN INVENTED WORLD.  
AN INVENTED NEW YORK.**



REMEMBER.



DON'T PASS  
OUT ON ME YET, OLD  
MAN! SCREAM SOME  
**MORE...** I WANT THESE  
"HEROES" TO KNOW  
WHAT AWAITS  
THEM!

NO!  
PLEASE!



YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A  
**HORRIFIC EXPERIENCE**,  
EDWIN. WHAT WE'RE GOING  
TO DO--**TOGETHER**--IS  
ALLOW YOU TO **HEAL**  
FROM THAT.

H-HOW CAN  
I? THE **MEMORIES**,  
DOCTOR SAMSON...  
THE FEAR IS SO  
**REAL...**

I KNOW. BUT  
THE **TECHNIQUES**  
I'LL TEACH YOU WILL  
HELP **CONTROL**  
THAT.



NO. NO  
HELP! NO  
CONTROL!

THIS IS  
REAL!

THIS IS  
REAL!

...



NO!

I AM INSIDE A  
**MENTAL PROJECTION**  
OF SOME KIND--A **FALSE**  
**WORLD!** MY **LIMBIC SYSTEM**  
IS BEING STIMULATED TO GIVE  
THAT WORLD **VERISIMILITUDE**,  
BUT TOO MUCH IS  
**MISSING!**

**NONE** OF  
THIS IS **REAL!**  
**NONE** OF THIS  
IS **TRUE!**

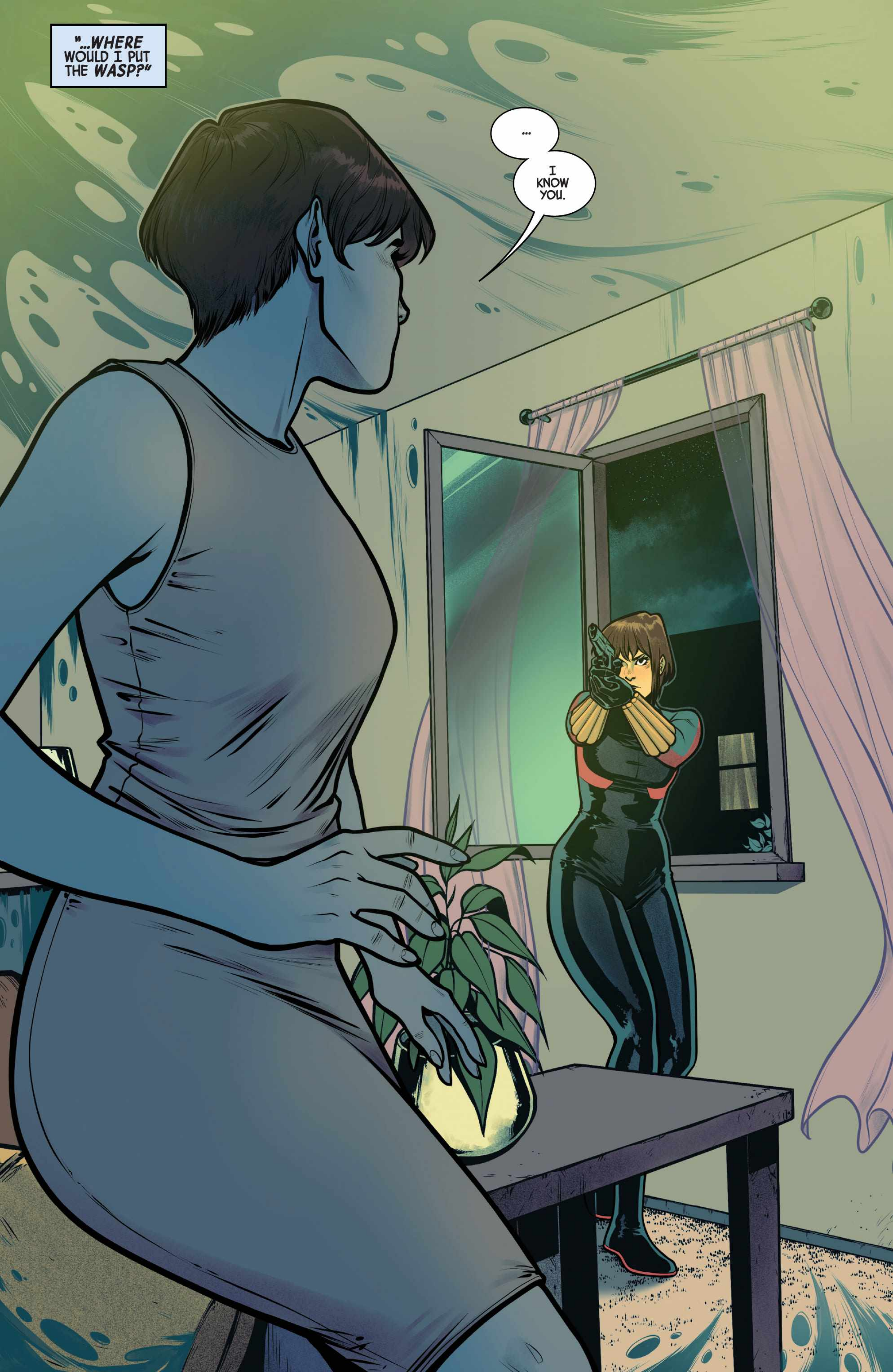
SO **THINK**,  
EDWIN! IF I WERE  
TO BUILD A **FALSE**  
**NEW YORK** TO TRAP  
MY **ENEMIES**  
IN...



"...WHERE  
WOULD I PUT  
THE WASP?"

...

I  
KNOW  
YOU.







THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE.

HOW WOULD WE HAVE EVER MET? I AM A TRAINED SPY AND ASSASSIN--WHILE YOU ARE A DILETTANTE WITH AN OVERDEVELOPED SENSE OF VENGEANCE.

WHAT COULD WE EVER HAVE IN COMMON?



AND YET.

YOU DON'T FEEL IT?

I--I FEEL NOTHING. RATIONALLY, IT SIMPLY CANNOT BE.

IF...IF I SEEM TO KNOW YOU...

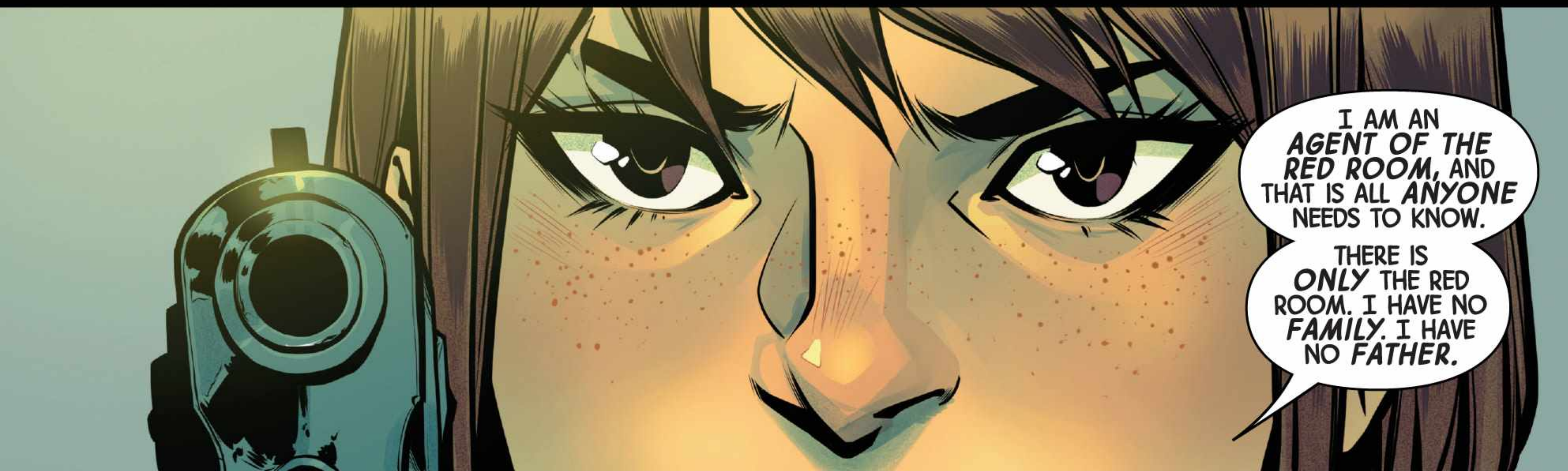


...IT'S BECAUSE I WAS BRIEFED. SUBLIMINAL KNOWLEDGE INDUCTION--I KNOW YOUR FILE AS WELL AS I KNOW MYSELF.

JANET VAN DYNE--THE AVENGER. MY TARGET.

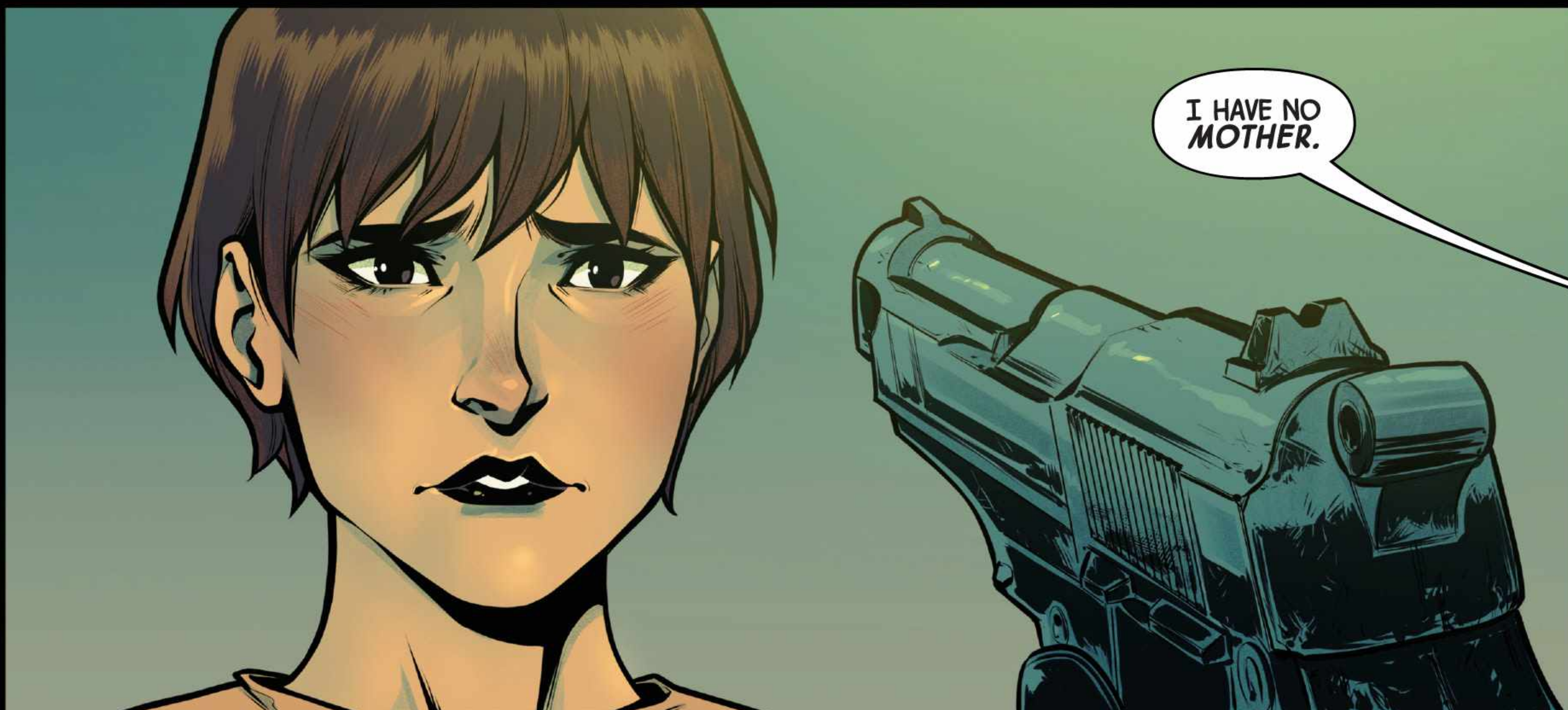
THAT'S A VERY CONVENIENT EXPLANATION.

WHO ARE YOU? I FEEL LIKE IT'S ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE...



I AM AN AGENT OF THE RED ROOM, AND THAT IS ALL ANYONE NEEDS TO KNOW.

THERE IS ONLY THE RED ROOM. I HAVE NO FAMILY. I HAVE NO FATHER.

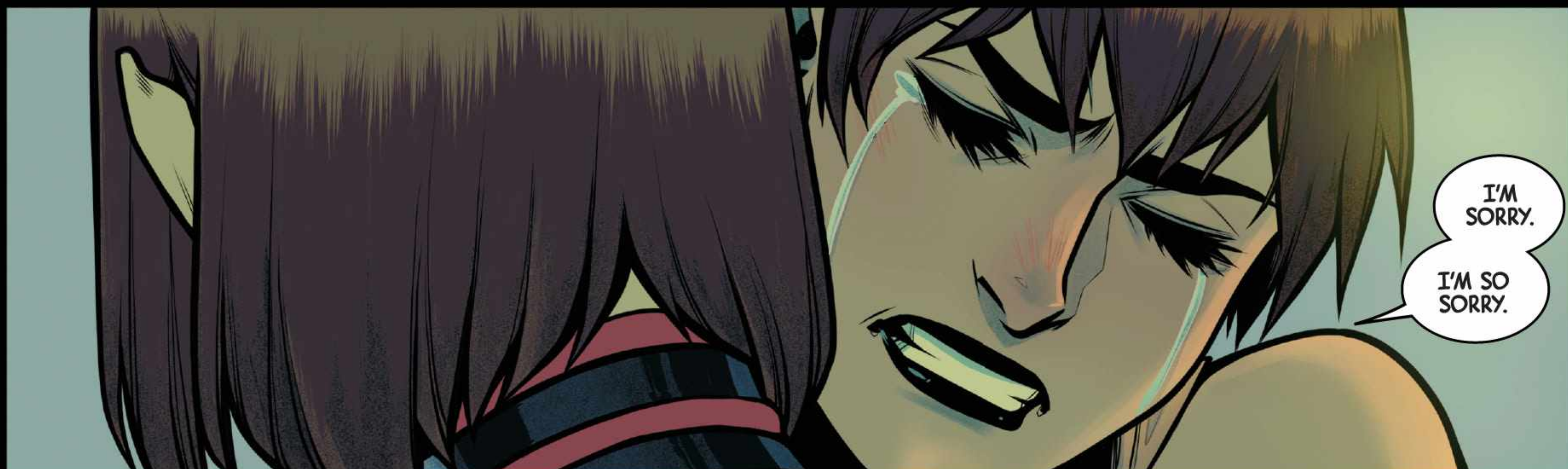


I HAVE NO MOTHER.





I AM **THE ORPHAN**--AND THAT IS THE **LAST** NAME YOU'LL HEAR BEFORE YOU--



I'M SORRY.

I'M SO SORRY.



I...DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE DOING THAT. IT CHANGES **NOTHING**.

I HAVE A MISSION TO **KILL** YOU... I...



I KNOW YOU TOO.

WHY DO I **KNOW** YOU?













BUT  
NOT FOR  
LONG.

THE PAST COMES  
CRASHING IN.

ALL THE REMAINING MEMORIES  
OF THE *REAL WORLD*. THE  
STRANGE REALITY THE CREATURE  
*CREATED* FOR US IS ALREADY  
*FADING...*

H-HELP...  
ME...

...BUT I REMEMBER  
HOW IT *FELT*. THE *ANGER*.  
THE *DETERMINATION*.

THE NEED TO  
*AVENGE*.



I'M FACE-TO-FACE  
WITH THE THING THAT  
KILLED MY FATHER.

THERE IS  
NO HELP FOR  
YOU NOW, JANOS  
TROVAYA.

NO HELP  
FOR ANY OF  
YOU.

ACID  
ATTACK!

MOVE!

GRACIOUS  
ME--

HSSSSS

THAT TORTURED HIM--  
WITH THE SAME FALSE REALITIES  
IT TORTURED US WITH.

UNTIL HE DIED.  
ALONE AND  
AFRAID.

JARVIS--  
RUN! OR IT  
WILL HURT YOU  
TO DISTRACT  
US!

I--I WILL  
SUMMON  
HELP!

BUT  
PLEASE--BE  
SAFE...

I BECAME THE WASP  
TO AVENGE HIM--AND  
THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO.  
ALONE, IF I HAVE TO...

WE NEED  
ALKALI--

HSSSS

...BUT I DON'T  
HAVE TO.

HE'S PROVEN  
THAT WON'T STOP HIM--  
NOT FOR GOOD. WE  
NEED A PERMANENT  
SOLUTION.

AND I  
THINK THIS  
IS IT.

REMEMBER  
HANDING  
ME THIS?

BECAUSE I  
HAVE MY BRILLIANT  
DAUGHTER.





THE MINIATURE **CATHEXIS RAY** I MADE FOR DR. MCGOWAN!

YOU HAD IT ALL THIS TIME?

I THOUGHT IT SHOULDN'T BE RATTLING AROUND IN MY **BAG**.



DAD SUMMONED THIS THING WITH **GAMMA RADIATION**. THAT'S A BIG PART OF THE CREATURE'S **MAKEUP**.

IF WE CAN **SIPHON IT OFF...**

THAT WON'T--**WATCH OUT!**



THAT WON'T DO IT!

THE **CATHEXIS RAY** **SIPHONS** RADIATION--BUT THE PORTABLE ONE CANNOT **STORE IT!** IT NEEDS SOMEWHERE TO **GO!**

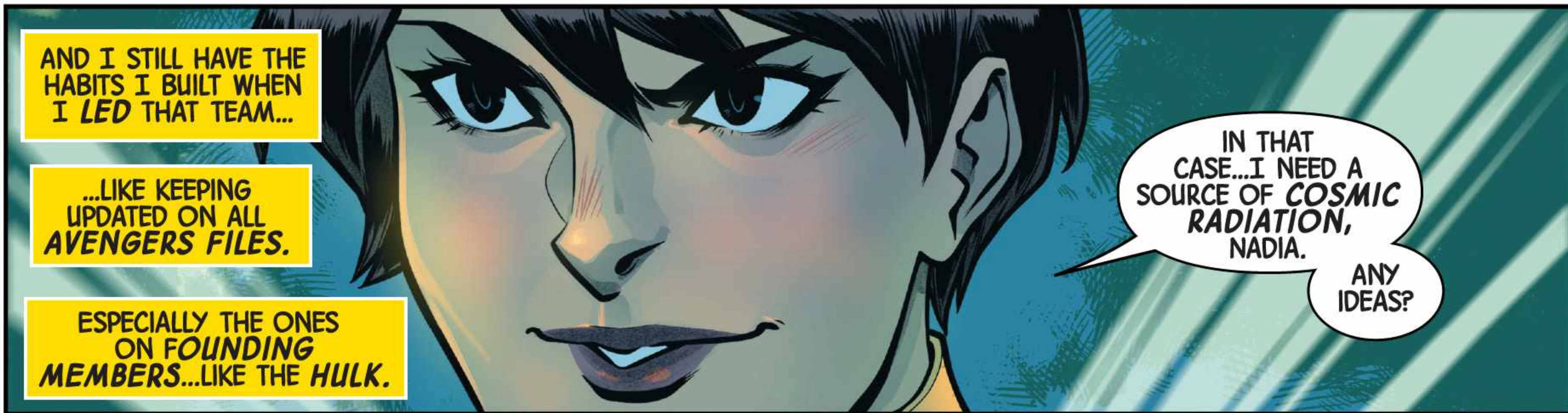


IF WE JUST **BLAST** THE CREATURE, IT COULD IRRADIATE THE WHOLE **CITY!**

...

AND I HAVE THE **AVENGERS**.

THE CREATURE THOUGHT THAT WAS A **WEAKNESS**--BUT IT'S **WHO I AM**. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN PART OF A **TEAM**.



AND I STILL HAVE THE HABITS I BUILT WHEN I **LED** THAT TEAM...

...LIKE KEEPING UPDATED ON ALL **AVENGERS FILES**.

ESPECIALLY THE ONES ON **FOUNDING MEMBERS**...LIKE THE **HULK**.

IN THAT CASE...I NEED A SOURCE OF **COSMIC RADIATION**, **NADIA**.

ANY IDEAS?





OF *COURSE*  
I HAVE IDEAS! I  
HAVE SO MANY IDEAS  
I CANNOT *THINK*  
SOMETIMES!

I WILL  
JUST BE A  
*QUICK MOMENT*,  
OKAY?

THAT'S MY  
GIRL. I'LL KEEP  
IT *BUSY*.



I PROMISE I  
WILL BE BACK AS  
SOON AS--



AH.



HEY,  
NADIA.

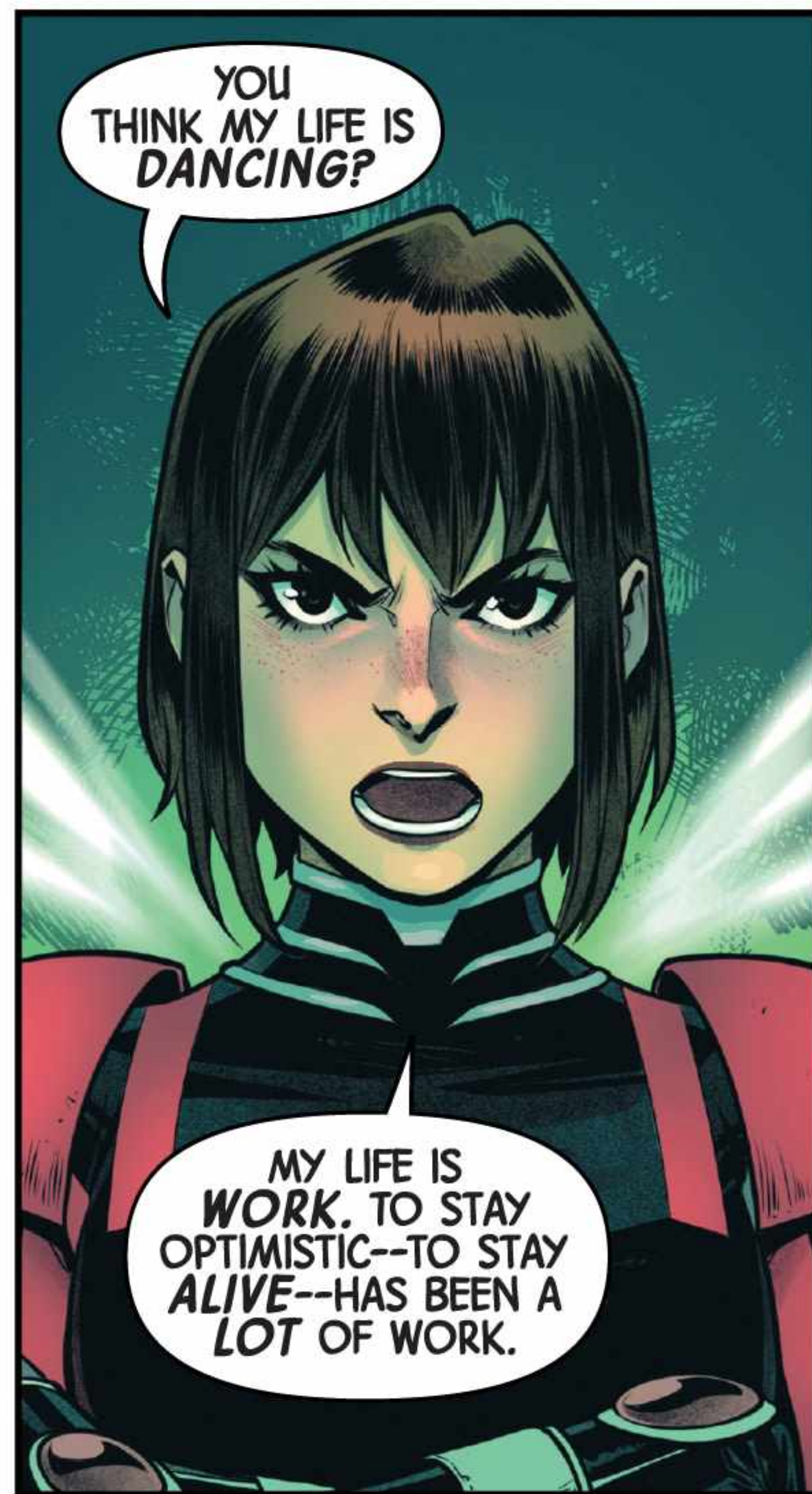
I RAN INTO  
*DADDY JARVIS*  
JUST AS HE WAS  
RUNNING OUT ON YOU.  
DON'T WORRY, HE'S  
ONLY TAKING A  
LITTLE *NAP*.

I DIDN'T  
WANT TO  
KILL HIM...



...NOT UNTIL  
YOU WERE HERE  
TO *WATCH*.









I KNOW.  
I WAS JUST  
TESTING IF YOU  
STILL DID  
THAT.

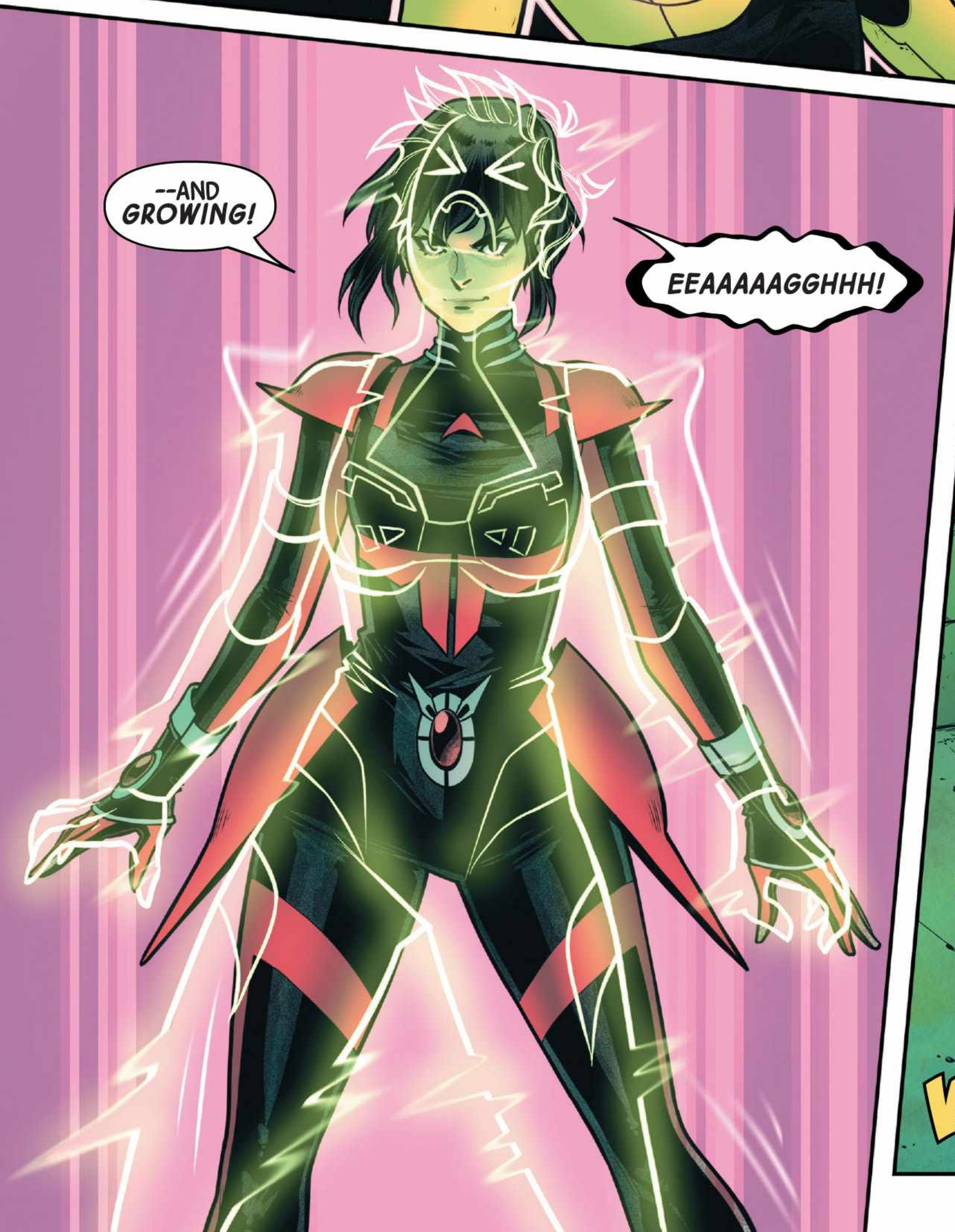
HOLD  
STILL.



I TOLD  
YOU! YOU CAN'T  
TOUCH ME!

WHAT  
ARE YOU EVEN  
DOING?

WHAT I TRY  
ALWAYS TO DO.  
LEARNING--



--AND  
GROWING!

EEAAAAAGGHHH!



I'M  
SORRY.

DID THAT  
HURT?

WHUDD





H-HOW...?

AFTER OUR FIRST FIGHT, I WORKED OUT HOW TO **BEAT** SOMEONE WHO CAN PHASE--MORE QUICKLY, I MEAN.

PYM PARTICLES AFFECT **DENSITY** AND **MASS** AS WELL AS SIZE. CHANGING SIZE **INSIDE** YOU CREATED **FEEDBACK**--TURNED YOU **SEMISOLID**. AND I WAS IN THE SAME SPACE, OF COURSE.

HOW DID YOU...AVOID THE PAIN...?



IT WAS ONLY PAIN.

NOW-- JARVIS IS **ALIVE**, SO YOU ARE AS WELL.

BUT I WILL NEED A PIECE OF YOUR **SUIT**, I THINK...

N-NOT--THE **HELMET**.

PLEASE.



NO. THIS PIECE FROM THE **BACKPLATE**.

IT HAS THE **POWER SUPPLY**, YES? THAT WILL STOP YOU FROM MAKING **MORE MISCHIEF**.



I KNOW YOU USE YOUR SUIT TO EXPRESS WHO YOU ARE **INSIDE**, FANTASMA.

I THINK YOU CAN BE THAT PERSON **WITHOUT** IT. I THINK YOU CAN BE **WHOEVER** YOU WISH TO BE.

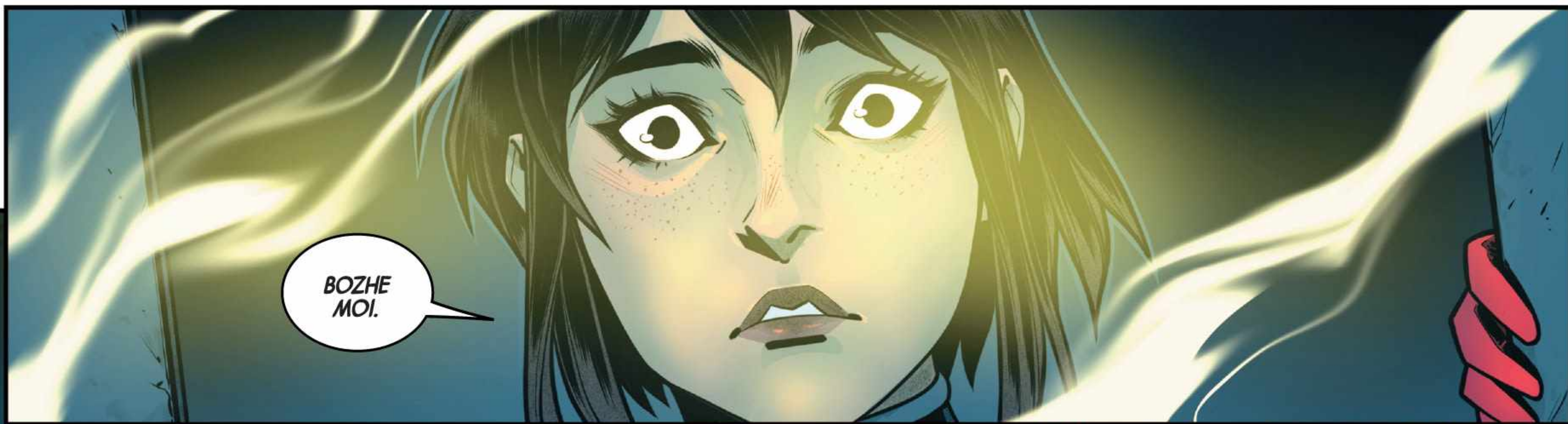


BUT IF WHO YOU WISH TO BE IS A **PETTY SADIST**?

THEN THE NEXT TIME WE MEET WILL BE THE **END** OF YOU.

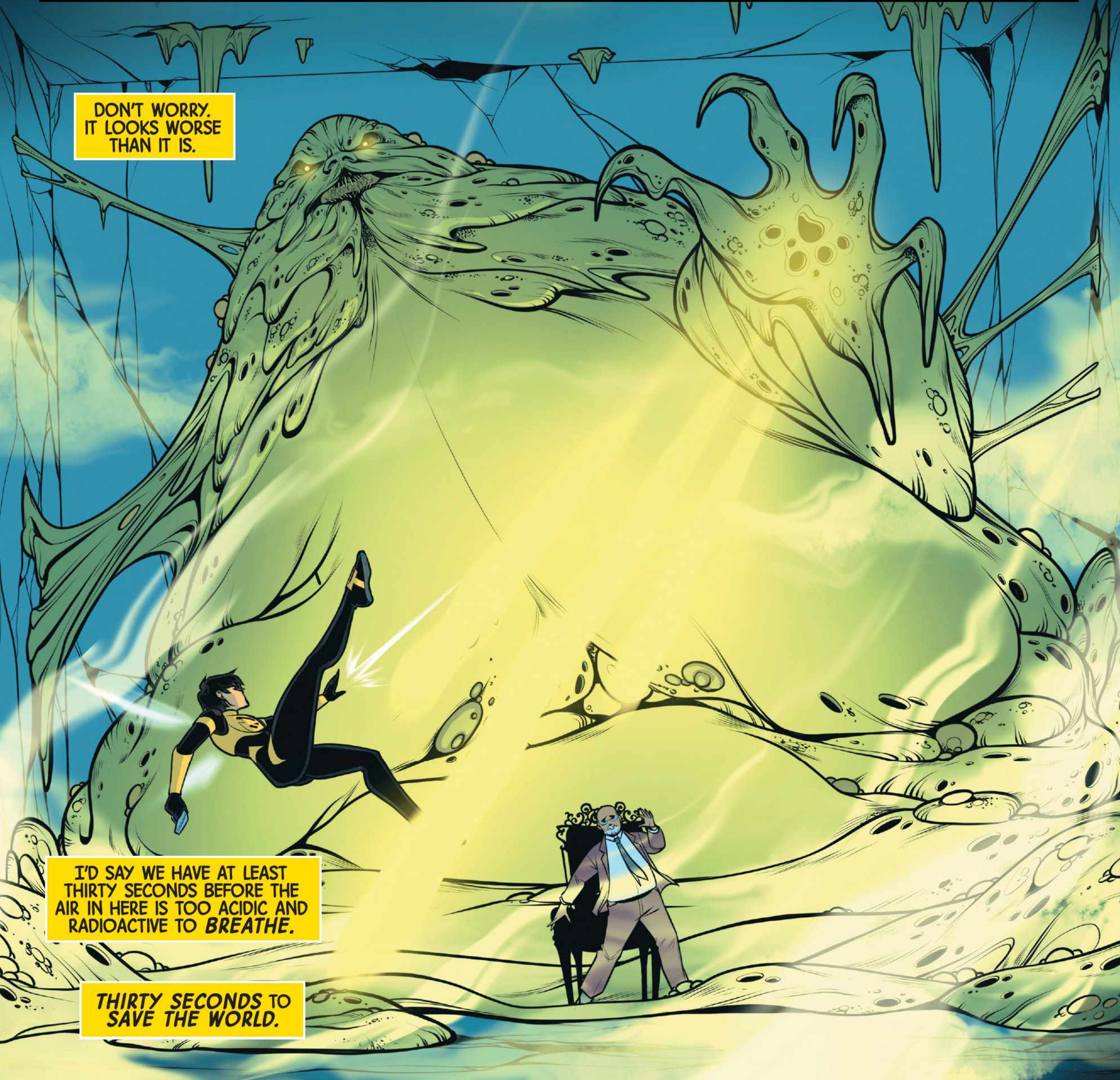
ERROR  
SUIT  
FROZEN





BOZHE  
MOI.

DON'T WORRY.  
IT LOOKS WORSE  
THAN IT IS.



I'D SAY WE HAVE AT LEAST  
THIRTY SECONDS BEFORE THE  
AIR IN HERE IS TOO ACIDIC AND  
RADIOACTIVE TO **BREATHE**.

THIRTY SECONDS TO  
SAVE THE WORLD.



MAYBE EVEN  
A **WHOLE**  
MINUTE.

COSMIC  
RADIATION,  
HONEY.

NOW  
WOULD BE  
GOOD.





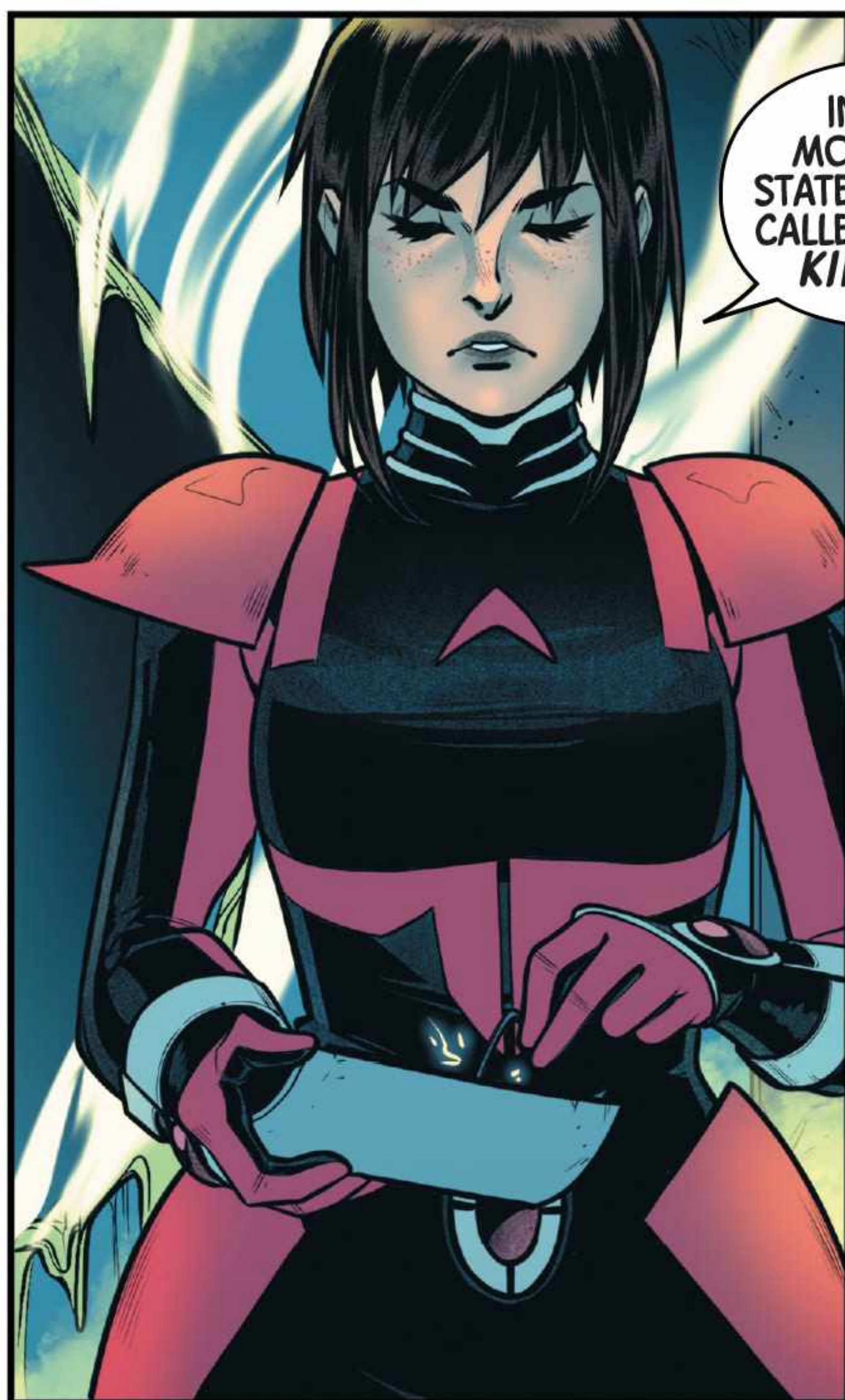
COSMIC RAYS. YES. A MIX OF GAMMA RAYS, X-RAYS AND CERTAIN HIGH-ENERGY CHARGED PARTICLES.

FANTASMA'S ARMOR MAKES ILLUSIONS OF LIGHT--CHANGE THE FREQUENCY, YOU HAVE X-RAYS. AND GAMMA, WE ALREADY HAVE HERE FOR THE TAKING.

SO WHAT ARE THE PARTICLES? BECAUSE IT TAKES MORE THAN YOUR EVERYDAY PARTICLE TO MAKE A FANTASTIC FOUR, I THINK.

BUT...I STUDIED THIS IN THE RED ROOM.

I LOOKED VERY CAREFULLY AT THOSE FUNDAMENTAL PARTICLES--THE ONES THAT CHANGE THE HUMAN BODY. THAT CONTROL SIZE, MASS, DENSITY.

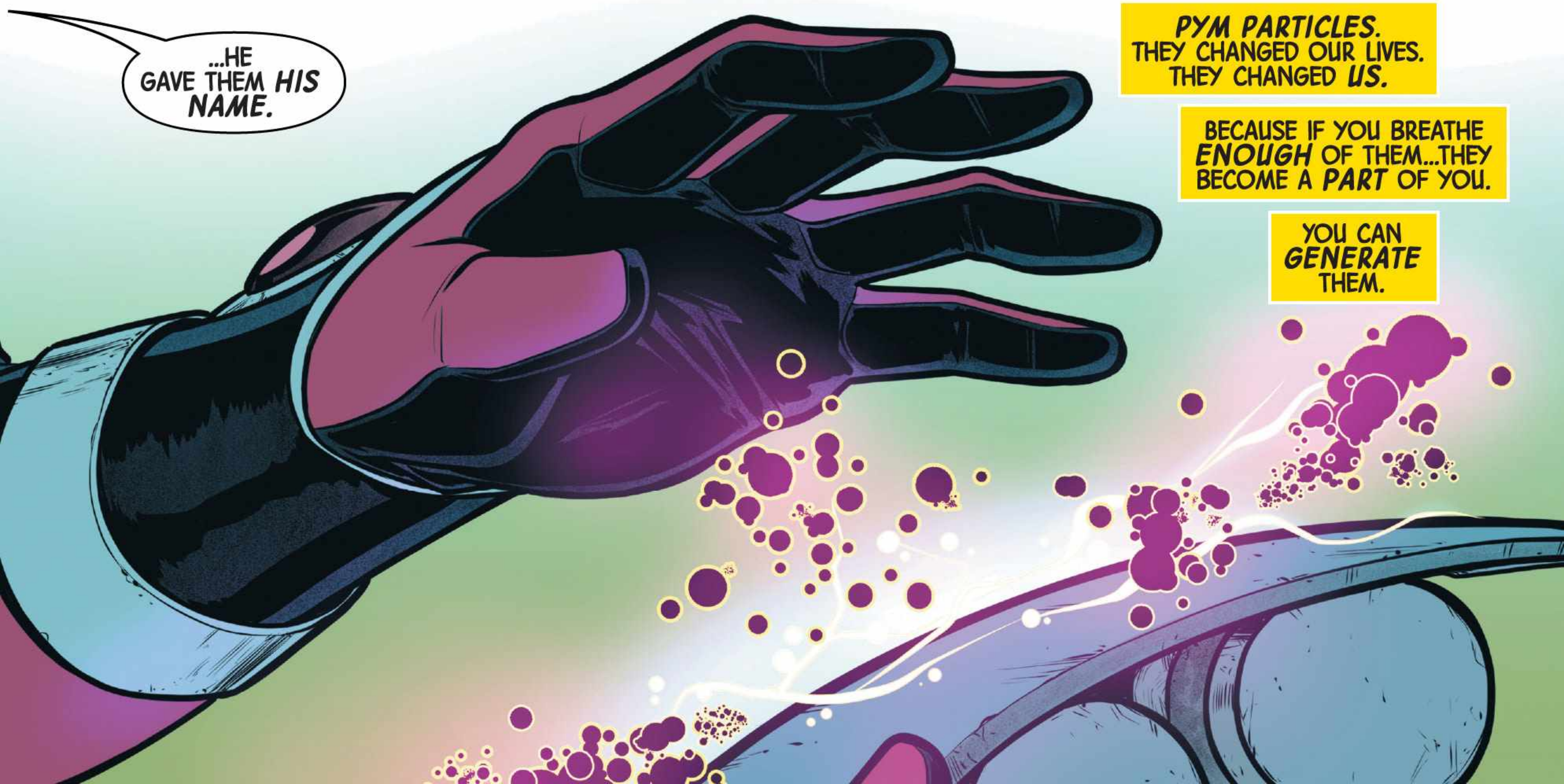


IN THEIR MOST RAW STATE, THEY ARE CALLED PRIMAL KIRBONS.



BUT MY FATHER--MY BRILLIANT, DOOMED, WONDERFUL, FOOLISH FATHER--HAD HIS EGO. HIS HUBRIS.

SO WHEN HE TAMED THOSE PRIMAL FORCES IN HIS LABORATORY...



...HE GAVE THEM HIS NAME.

PYM PARTICLES. THEY CHANGED OUR LIVES. THEY CHANGED US.

BECAUSE IF YOU BREATHE ENOUGH OF THEM...THEY BECOME A PART OF YOU.

YOU CAN GENERATE THEM.





THE CREATURE SHOWED ME WHO I WAS *WITHOUT* HANK IN THE PICTURE. AND I WAS STILL A *HEROINE*. STILL AN *AVENGER*. STILL *ME*.

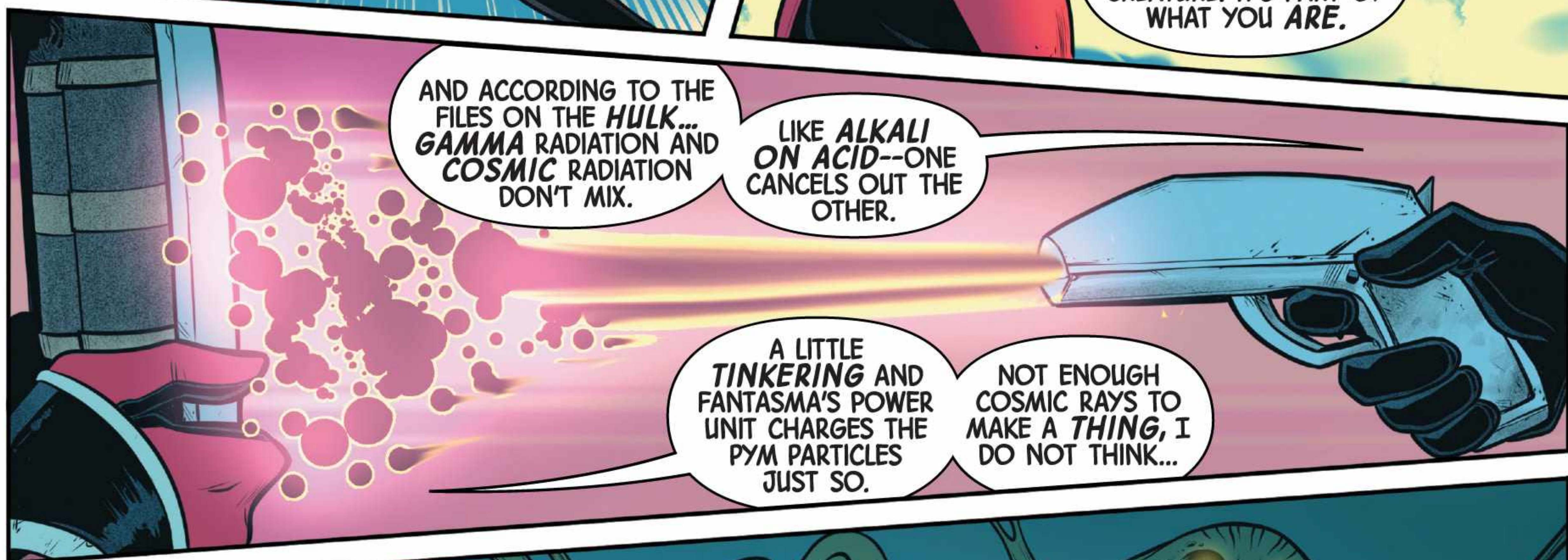
BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE THE LIFE I *DID* LIVE ANY LESS WORTHWHILE. IT'S *ALL* THE PIECES OF ME THAT MAKE ME WHO I AM.



I'M JANET VAN DYNE.

I'M THE WASP.

MY FATHER SUMMONED YOU WITH *GAMMA RADIATION*, CREATURE. IT'S PART OF WHAT YOU *ARE*.



AND ACCORDING TO THE FILES ON THE *HULK*... *GAMMA RADIATION* AND *COSMIC RADIATION* DON'T MIX.

LIKE *ALKALI ON ACID*--ONE CANCELS OUT THE OTHER.

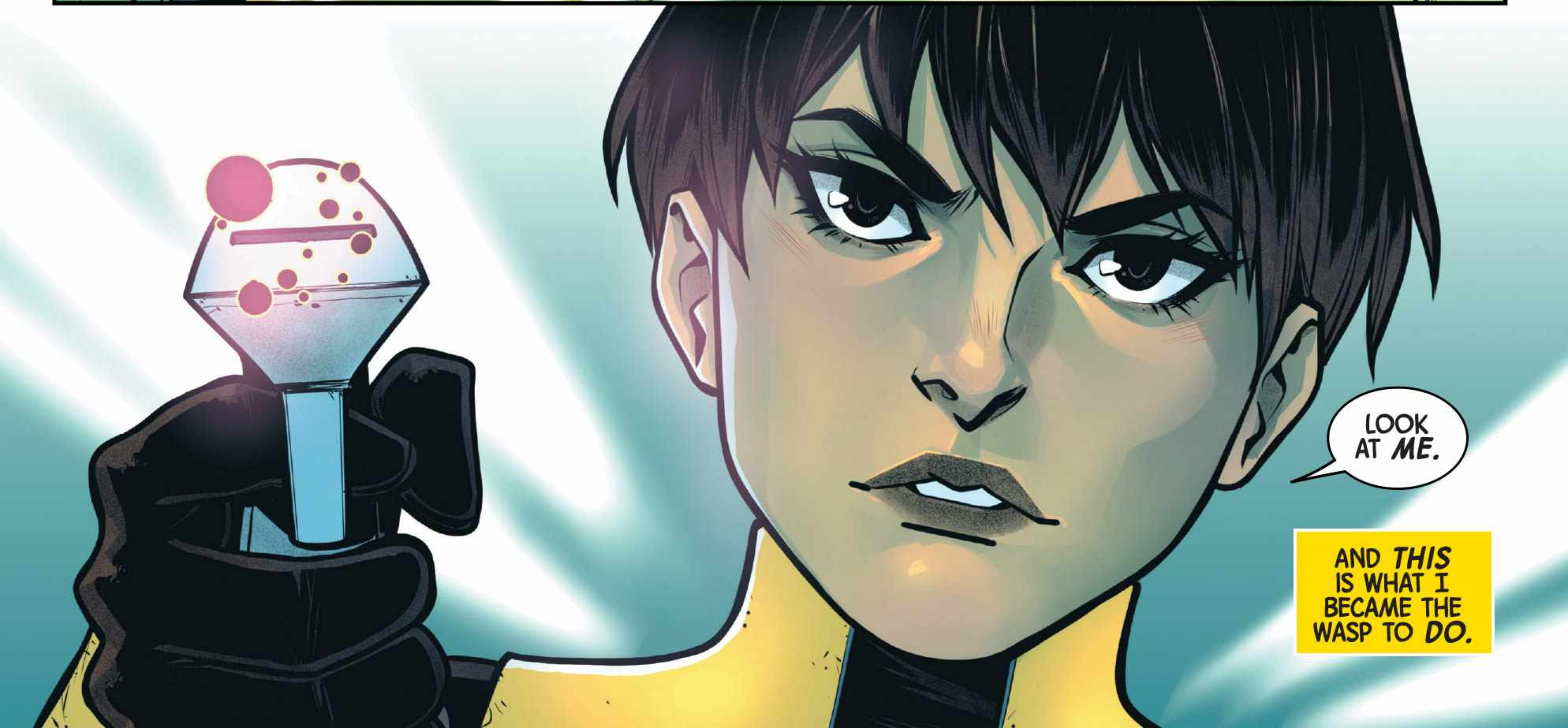
A LITTLE *TINKERING* AND FANTASMA'S POWER UNIT CHARGES THE PYM PARTICLES JUST SO.

NOT ENOUGH COSMIC RAYS TO MAKE A *THING*, I DO NOT THINK...



BUT INJECTED INTO YOU BY THE CATHEXIS RAY? LIKE A *BULLET TO THE HEART*?

NO! YOU CANNOT DO THIS! PLEASE!



LOOK AT ME.

AND *THIS* IS WHAT I BECAME THE WASP TO DO.



No Ooooo--

MAYBE IT'S A  
DEATH SCREAM.

MAYBE ONLY *FEAR*--GOD  
KNOWS WHAT PUNISHMENTS  
ARE WAITING FOR IT IN  
*KOSMOS*, WITH NO GAMMA  
TO PROTECT IT THERE.

EITHER WAY...IT'S THE  
MOST *BEAUTIFUL*  
SOUND I'VE EVER HEARD.

YOU CAN  
REST NOW,  
DAD.

YOU'VE BEEN  
AVENGED.

IT'S...IT'S  
OVER.

OVER...

YOU'RE  
REAL.



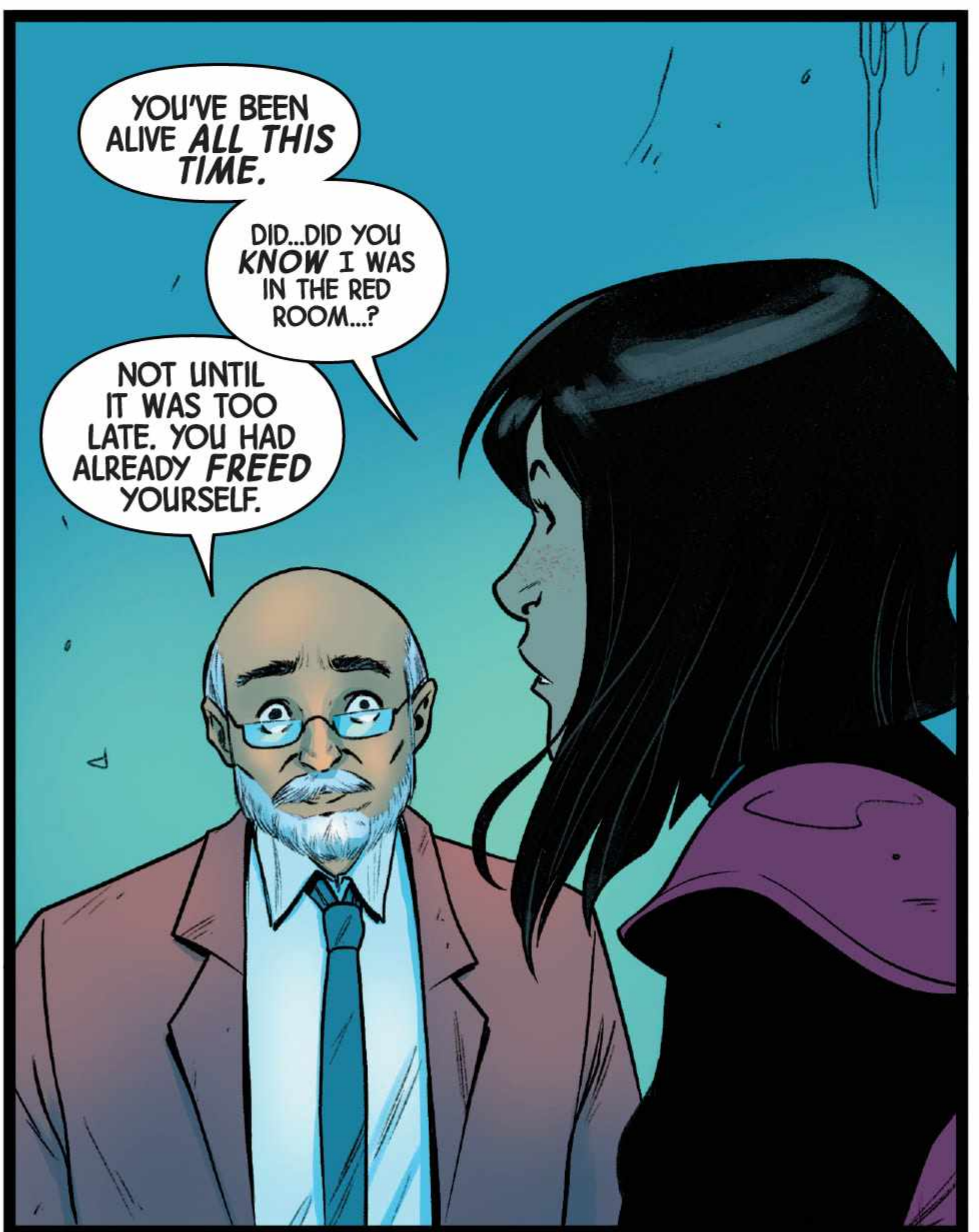


GRANDFATHER,  
YOU'RE **REAL!**

OOF--

I DID NOT  
KNOW **WHAT**  
WAS--I DID NOT DARE  
**HOPE**, I THOUGHT  
IT WAS ONE MORE  
**TRICK--**

--BUT YOU'RE  
ALIVE! **YOU'RE  
ALIVE!**



YOU'VE BEEN  
ALIVE **ALL THIS  
TIME.**

DID...DID YOU  
**KNOW** I WAS  
IN THE RED  
ROOM...?

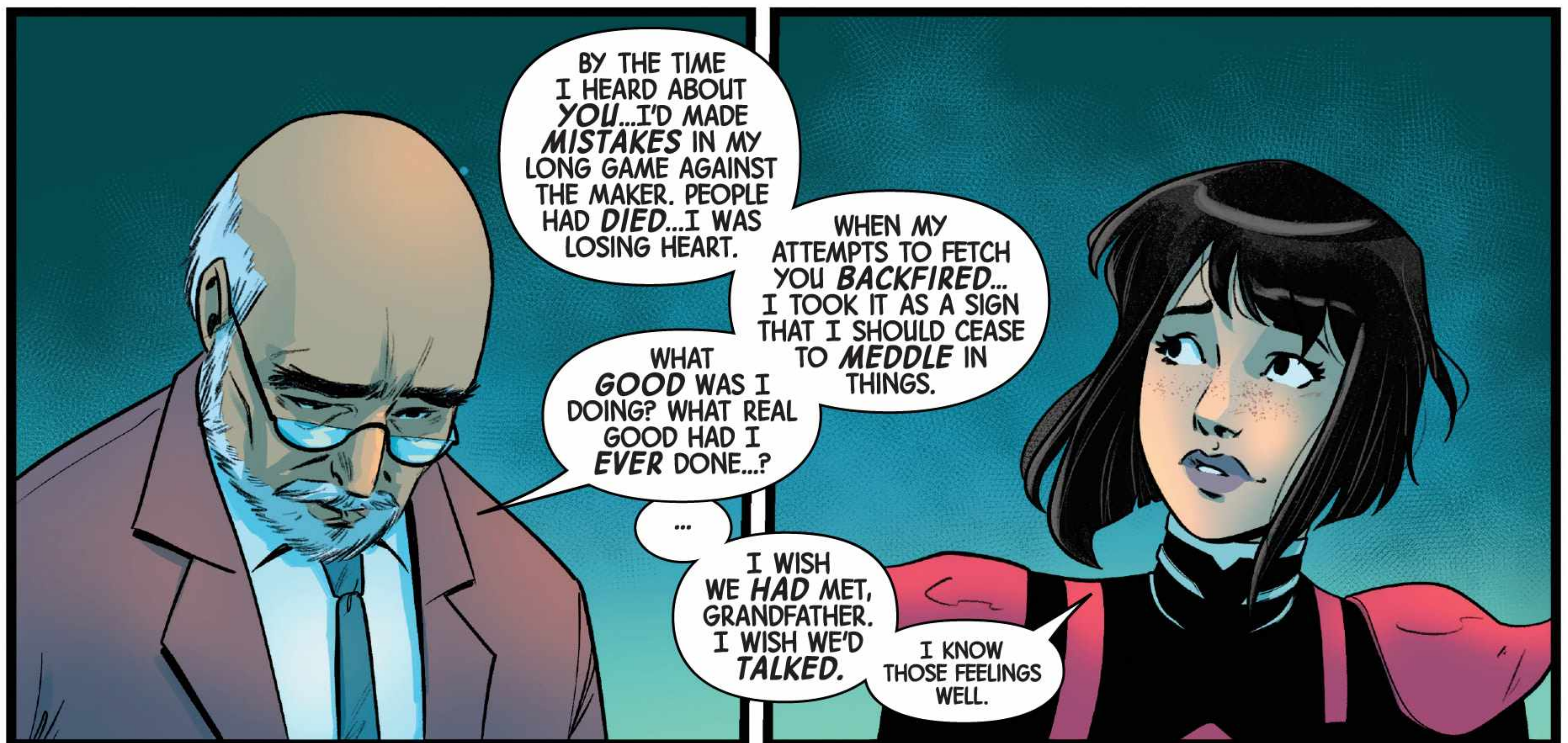
NOT UNTIL  
IT WAS TOO  
LATE. YOU HAD  
ALREADY **FREED**  
YOURSELF.



TO FIND  
**THAT** OUT...  
IT CHANGED  
EVERYTHING  
FOR ME.

WHEN THE  
RED ROOM MURDERED  
MY **MARIA**, I HAD THE  
SKILLS TO **DISAPPEAR--**  
TO MAKE THEM **PAY.**  
TO **AVENGE** HER.

SO I CREATED  
**W.H.I.S.P.E.R.**, AND  
BEHIND THE SCENES, WE  
**DAMAGED** THEM...ONLY  
A LITTLE, BUT IT WAS  
ALL I HAD TO LIVE  
FOR.



BY THE TIME  
I HEARD ABOUT  
**YOU**...I'D MADE  
**MISTAKES** IN MY  
LONG GAME AGAINST  
THE MAKER. PEOPLE  
HAD **DIED**...I WAS  
LOSING HEART.

WHAT  
**GOOD** WAS I  
DOING? WHAT REAL  
GOOD HAD I  
**EVER** DONE...?

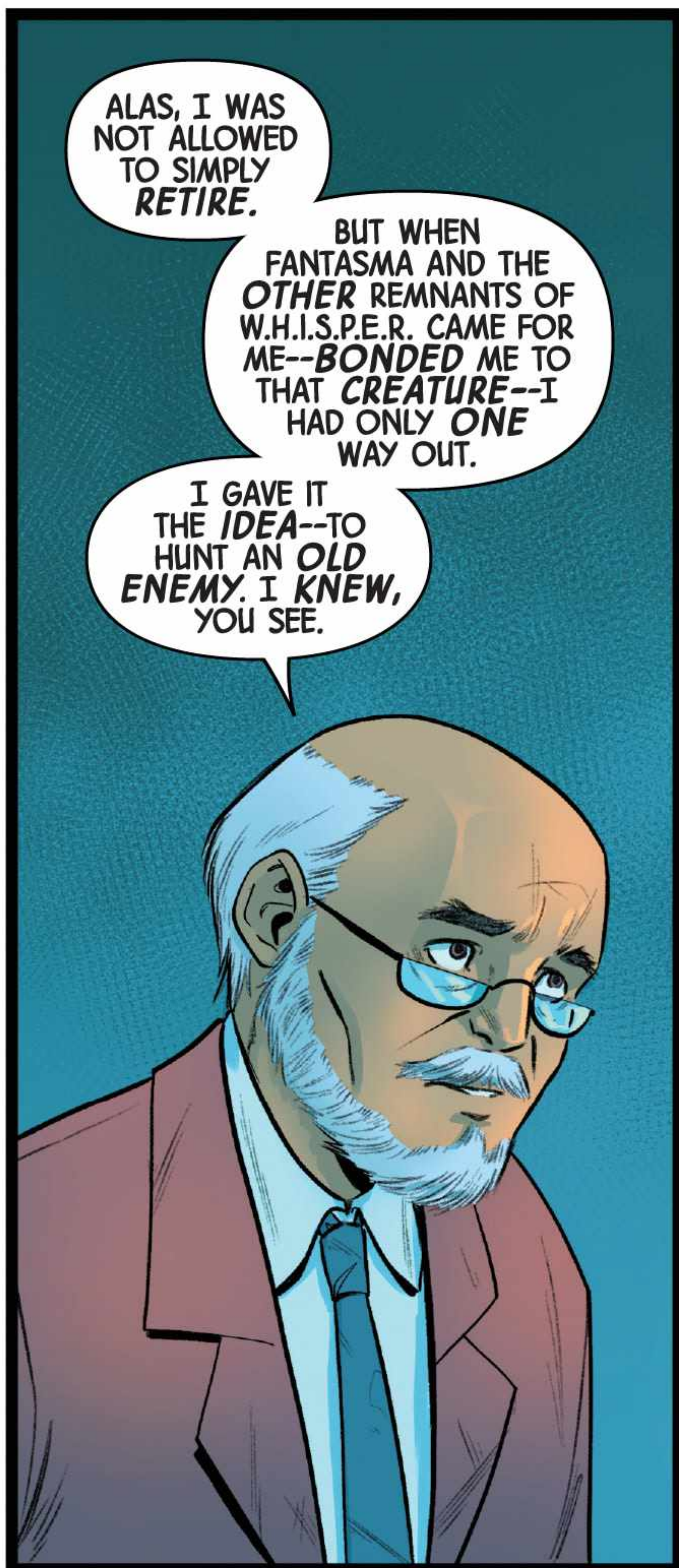
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I WISH  
WE HAD MET,  
GRANDFATHER.  
I WISH WE'D  
**TALKED.**

I KNOW  
THOSE FEELINGS  
WELL.

WHEN MY  
ATTEMPTS TO FETCH  
YOU **BACKFIRED**...  
I TOOK IT AS A SIGN  
THAT I SHOULD CEASE  
TO **MEDDLE** IN  
THINGS.





ALAS, I WAS NOT ALLOWED TO SIMPLY RETIRE.

BUT WHEN FANTASMA AND THE OTHER REMNANTS OF W.H.I.S.P.E.R. CAME FOR ME--BONDED ME TO THAT CREATURE--I HAD ONLY ONE WAY OUT.

I GAVE IT THE IDEA--TO HUNT AN OLD ENEMY. I KNEW, YOU SEE.



I KNEW WHAT MY GRANDDAUGHTER COULD DO. WHAT HER ADOPTIVE MOTHER HAD ALREADY DONE.

I KNEW THAT THE WASP WOULD SAVE ME...

WELL, WE HAD HELP FROM--



JARVIS! YOU'RE AWAKE!

UP AND ABOUT, AS IT WERE--UNLIKE MY ASSAILANT. WHAT DID I MISS?

I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT OVER COFFEE--



--IN THE JARVIS LOUNGE.

MA'AM...

WHAT ELSE COULD I CALL IT?

TO BE CONTINUED-- I HAVE A PRIORITY CALL.



PROBABLY THE MAYOR'S OFFICE CALLING ABOUT THAT LITTLE HERO FIGHT WE HAD FOR LUNCH...

HELLO? JANET VAN DYNE SPEAKING.

AND JUST LIKE THAT.

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I COULD REST...



...THE **PAST**  
COMES  
CRASHING IN.

THAT'S THE  
TROUBLE WITH BEING  
AN **AVENGER**.

IS THIS ABOUT  
**WHIRLWIND?**

THERE'S ALWAYS  
SOMEONE TO  
**AVENGE...**

**JANET VAN DYNE WILL RETURN...**



## WINSOME WRITINGS

Hello there, and welcome to the letters page for WASP! If you've made it this far, we'd like to thank you so much for accompanying us on Jan and Nadia's most recent adventure. Sixty years of heroics is no small feat, and it's all thanks to you, the fans! A few of you wrote in to celebrate with us, so let's dive in!

Hi there! I'm from Malaysia, and I'm such a huge fan of Janet Van Dyne, the Wasp. Everything about her is just so cool and awesome since I've known her from *Earth's Mightiest Heroes*. I want to thank the team who pushed for the WASP series since it has been overdue for this founding Avenger to receive a solo series. The first issue got me psyched and on the edge of my seat!!! Can't wait for the next issues to come! Thank you so much!

Shuk Ri

Thanks so much for your kind words, Shuk Ri! We're so glad the first issue resonated with you, and we hope the rest of the story has as well!

Dear Alanna and Kaitlyn,  
The Wasp has been my favorite female Marvel character for as long as I can remember. For many years, she was featured prominently in the pages of the AVENGERS. Her relationship with Hank Pym--sometimes soap-opera craziness, sometimes unexpectedly mature drama for a mainstream comic book--was the oh-so-human heart of the Avengers. Apart from gods, aliens or the next super villain, it reminded us month after month that these were people who were kinda like us. It made the characters relatable, and while this bond forged during my childhood may have weakened over time, it never broke. So thank you for finally giving Janet Van Dyne her own limited series. She deserves it.

I liked Janet's portrayal in the first issue, especially her interactions with Jarvis and Nadia. She has come a long way from the somewhat-snotty socialite she was in the earliest days of the Avengers. Here's a woman who has found her place

in the world and will do what is necessary to protect it. I also loved how much she cares about Nadia, even though Jan is not her biological mother. The legacy of the Wasp has linked them together, and the last page reveals that the past has caught up with them both. Where's that next issue?!

Sincerely,  
Lars Meyer  
Germany

"The oh-so-human heart of the Avengers" indeed! Jan has been through so much over the years, as have Nadia and Jarvis. But it's the bonds with loved ones that help us get through those tough times and grow--on and off the page--and I like to think that these three bring out the best in each other. As you said, Lars, they're very relatable! =)

Dear Wasp's Nest,  
Thank you, thank you, thank you! It might have taken sixty years, but Janet finally has her own book...and it's wonderful!

I loved that Al really took advantage of the fact that Ms. Van Dyne has been an integral part of the Marvel U since 1963--with the vast network of friends, family and enemies that naturally creates--and used that to launch her latest adventure. And Kasia's art was so full of character and energy.

Hopefully, this is just the first of many books starring the Winsome Wonder, but even on its own, WASP #1 was truly terrific!

Yours sincerely,  
Temple Phoenix

First off, Temple, I have to thank you for these puns--they're truly excellent! Secondly, thanks so much for your kind words to Al and Kasia--can confirm that they love the Wasp and really put their all into this story!

Dear WASP Creative Team,  
Thank you for an absolutely lovely comic experience with issue #1 of Jan's new book. I had followed all of Al Ewing's previous ANT-MAN series as I am a fan of his writing, but also of the characters Ant-Man and the Wasp. I am not a new fan to these

characters; their place in my heart was earned a long time ago. I am one of the few who remember that Wasp was one of the most popular characters in comic history. At one point so popular, in fact, that they had her narrate other comic book series that she wasn't even in.

Great to see Pilai, the Creature from Kosmos, return and looking forward to seeing where this goes.

Thanks for doing Jan justice,  
Susan Hill

It's been so great to see the love longtime fans have sustained for Jan across all her adventures and to hear that this book has done Jan justice for you. Thanks so much for writing in, Susan!

Wasp, my hero, I am so happy that you are getting the limelight that you deserve. I've been your fan since I was a child, and here in Brazil, there weren't many people who knew you. Look at you now, getting your own comic book and in the theaters, thematic parks and everything else. I'm more than happy to know that people know my little hero, a hero who looks like a fairy and hits like a dragon. I'll always be inspired by you. You have shown me that someone little (or short) can be stronger than any adversity and fly higher than anyone. Congratulations on being the best Avenger, the hero with the biggest wardrobe and, of course, for showing what one of the first Marvel female heroes to exist is capable of.

Love from your Brazilian fan,  
Pedro Lopes

It's truly wonderful to hear how much the Wasp has inspired you, Pedro! I think that kind of inspiration is the most important aspect of super heroes. At the end of the day, they're regular people doing incredible things, and they remind us that we can be incredible in our own ways too.

And that's a wrap, folks! Be sure to catch Jan's next adventure--to be revealed soon!

--Kaitlyn



THE  
**WASP**  
WILL RETURN...



